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11. ~~(Once Amended)~~ An apparatus as recited in claim 10 wherein said balloon includes an inner wall defining a lumen through said tube, and said balloon having an outer wall that expands upon inflation of said balloon to form said nonlinear outline.

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13. (Once Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 33 wherein said stent further includes a coating of material on an outside of said wall.

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28. (Once Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 33 wherein said stent includes a portion constructed from super elastic material.

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31. (Once Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 33 wherein said tube includes slotted end sections and a slotted middle section to form separated ribs.

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33. (New) An apparatus for maintaining a body lumen opening comprising a stent having a tubular shaped body wall with a linear central axis when said stent is in a relaxed state, and wherein a cross section of said body, including said axis, displays a length of said wall having a nonlinear shaped outline, and wherein said nonlinear outline is for the purpose of providing resistance with a lumen wall upon installation of said stent in said lumen.